

National EMN-Conference Sweden

“Changing Realities of Migration and Asylum”

Stockholm, 15 November 2018

This European Migration Network Conference aims at identifying recent trends and changing patterns of migration and asylum in the EU from a comparative perspective. It asks what has changed since 2015, and how new migratory trends relate to the various legal and policy changes in the Member States and at EU level that were introduced in response to the crisis three years ago.

The topic of the conference is linked to two topical EMN studies – the 2017/2018 study on the changing influx of asylum seekers and the 2018 study on the impacts of visa liberalization.

Date and time: 15 November 2018, 09:00–16:30

Venue: Nordic Light Hotel Stockholm, Vasaplan 7,
Stockholm City Centre

The Conference will be held in English. Participation, including lunch and coffee breaks, is free of charge.

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Moderator: **Louise Waldenström**, Swedish Migration Agency

09:00–09:30	Arrival, coffee, registration of participants	
09:30–10:00	Welcome and introduction to the Conference	– Mikael Ribbenvik , Director General, Swedish Migration Agency
10:05–11:05	Panel I: The “Changing influx of asylum seekers” – National responses to the refugee situation in 2014-2016	
	Case study Sweden	– Bernd Parusel , Swedish Migration Agency
	Case study Austria	– Julia Rutz , International Organisation for Migration, Vienna
	Case study Finland	– Johanna Väänänen , Finnish Immigration Service, Helsinki
11:05–11:25	Coffee Break	
11:30–12:45	Panel II: A new reality in 2018?	
	The migration situation at the external borders of the European Union	– Holger Fabian Sahl , European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), Warsaw
	The changing refugee situation in Greece	– Ms Margarita Kalaitzaki , The Greek Asylum Service, Athens
	Displacement Tracking Matrix – monitoring	– Laura Bartolini , International Organization for Migration, Rome
	Asylum trends and secondary movements in the EU	– Teddy Wilkin , European Asylum Support Office, Valetta
12:45–13:45	Lunch	
13:45–14:00	Interactive session: Quiz on asylum and migration in Sweden	
14:05–14:40	Panel III: Visa liberalization and its impacts	
	The impact of visa liberalization on asylum in Sweden	– Jonas Hols , Swedish Migration Agency
	The impact of visa liberalization on asylum in Belgium	– Peter Van Costenoble , Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons (CGRS)
14:40–15:00	Short break	
15:00–16:00	Final reflections and outlook: The future of asylum policies in the European Union and Sweden	– Katarina Areskoug Mascarenhas , Head of European Commission’s representation in Sweden – Alice Petrén , Swedish Broadcasting – Madeleine Seidlitz , Amnesty International – Joacim Waara , Policy advisor, Region Västra Götaland
16:00–16:30	Closing and Farewell coffee	

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